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In Brief

NEX, Commissary parking changes

Effective immediately, there will be no thoroughfare for vehicles between the NEX and Commissary parking lots.

NEX Patrons must use Bougainville Road to access the NEX and Commissary patrons must use Radford Drive to access the Commissary.

This change is necessary to accommodate the construction of the Mall at Pearl Harbor.

Boutiki meeting

A meeting will be held at Sharkey Theater April 10 to discuss the future operations of the Boutiki.

A retail gift shop, Boutiki has served the military community at Pearl Harbor for 27 years, but risks closure without a surge in volunteer support.

General volunteers donate an average of eight to 15 hours per month and board members spend an average of 20-35 hours per week supporting the store.

Ford Island Bridge detour

Ford Island Bridge traffic will be affected by lane detours March through October, Monday through Friday, 7a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The bridge's two lanes will remain open, but traffic be directed around the trucks by cones and flagmen.

Millican Field closure

Millican Field, just inside Makalapa Gate, will be closed from June 2001 to March 2002 to support an environmental cleanup of the nearby area.

Prior to Millican Field's reopening, the Seabees will renovate the field as well as its bleachers, announcer's booth, dugouts and restrooms.

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Team Navy competes in the annual inter-service electric car race... see B-1.

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Strike?

Military childcare facilities offer strike care plan

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With the possibility of a state-wide teachers' strike looming, many military parents are looking into child day care options for children who would be affected by the pending teacher's strike set to begin on April 5.

In an effort to be prepared for

the pending strike, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Child Development Homes, Pearl Harbor have teamed up with Kama'aina Kids, one of Hawaii's leading child care providers for school-age children to offer a Strike Care Plan option to families.

The Strike Care Plan option will offer quality care programs that

meet state licensing standards and staff to student ratios of 1:20. A daycare program, hosted by Kama'aina Kids will be available at the Catlin Community Center for up to 100 children, at MWR's Oasis Center on Ford Island for up to 70 children and at Barbers Point Youth Center for up to 30 children - based on staffing. Programs will be conducted by

trained and qualified staff, experienced childcare professionals who have fulfilled the Department of Education's requirements (finger printing, background checks, First Aid, CPR).

Kama'aina Kids has partnered with 20 sites located throughout Oahu such as Hawaiian Waters

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U.S. Men's Gymnastic Team visits Missouri



Clayton Sasaki photo

USA Mens Gymnastics Team visited the Missouri Memorial on Wednesday, led by tour guide, Jim Jones. The team is in Hawaii to participate in the 2001 Pontiac American Team Cup which is a world class gymnastics event featuring teams from the United States, Romania and China, at the Neal Blaisdell Center on March 30-31.

Frederick, Chosin deploy for WESTPAC

By JOCS(SW) Phil Eggman & JO3 Brenda M. Diggs

NAVY REGION HAWAII PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Families and friends said goodbye to the officers and Sailors of the Aegis guided missile cruiser, USS Chosin (DDG 69) and the Tank Landing Ship USS Frederick (LST 1184), as the departed Pearl Harbor recently for the Western Pacific and the Arabian Gulf.

Chosin will team up with the USS Constellation Battlegroup, while Frederick will operate independently during a five-month deployment, which will include hosting the Asian American Chamber of Commerce in Guam on their first port visit.

Additionally, Frederick will participate in amphibious training during the Operation Cobra Gold with naval units from Thailand, The Philippines and Tonga.

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New equipment, training helps save Sailor

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Saving a life is not something the average person is trained to do on a daily basis, but for Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Ryan Brink, HM3 Brandon Smith and HM2 Donnie Schrader it is.

The three Sailors are Navy hospital corpsmen whose training paid off recently. The Sailors used their training earlier this month on a relatively new portable life-saving de-

vice to save the life of one of their shipmates.

"Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) basically incorporate a rhythm analysis system with adhesive pads and connecting cables attached to the victim to record the heart rhythm and then deliver an electric shock on ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia.

"But the machine will shock on only one of the two rhythms" said Dennis Yurong, Assistant FFD

Chief.

AEDs have been shown to dramatically increase the ability to save lives of cardiac arrest victims.

FFD personnel, who continuously provide training on the AED, believe that getting the device into the workplace will greatly lower the risk of death in cardiac victims.

"We use a handbook put out by the American Heart Association (AHA) that in my opinion is the easiest course available and it gives hands on training" said Yurong.

Over a period of four hours, students watch several videos, complete textbook exercises and practice what they've learned through hands-on training scenarios.

The \$15 per person training cost is small, compared to the cost of the AED, which is close to \$3,000 dollars.

"People get a little leery of purchasing equipment such as this because of the price, not only for the

▼ See AED, A-10

Navy offers Sailors opportunity to convert from VEAP to MGIB

By Michael McLellan

NAVPERSCOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Enrollment in the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) is now possible for almost 30,000 Sailors and recent retirees who participated in the Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP).

The Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 authorizes, for certain VEAP participants, conversion to MGIB.

Sailors on active duty who participated in VEAP prior to Oct. 9, 1996, and served continuously from that date through April 1, can elect to enroll in MGIB at a cost of \$2,700. A participant is defined as a member for whom a VEAP account exists, whether or not there is any money in the account.

Personnel on active duty receive the cost of tuition and fees, not to exceed \$650 per month, under the MGIB. VEAP pays a total of \$8,100, or \$300 per month for 27 months. MGIB benefits for

personnel who have completed their active duty are currently \$23,400, or \$650 per month for 36 months of full-time enrollment.

The Federal Education Programs Branch (PERS-604) at Navy Personnel Command (NPC) in Millington, Tenn., is mailing enrollment packages to members eligible for conversion. Any Sailor who desires to convert, and has an urgent need to affect conversion prior to receiving their package from NPC, can contact PERS-604 for assistance. Sailors who are currently enrolled in classes may fall into the "urgent need" category.

Members who are eligible to convert to MGIB have until Oct. 31 to elect or decline conversion.

Documentation of a member's decision is required, using DD Form 2366. Sailors who take no action will retain VEAP as their educa-

▼ See MGIB, A-2

Rainbow Marina opens new slips



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MWR's Rainbow Bay Marina has completed a \$2.1 million renovation project and is set for the grand opening opening of 84 brand new slips and another 52 renovated slips on April 12. The marina's old boathouse and bathhouse were also renovated to reflect more modern facilities with an additional laundry room for tenants. New dock boxes will provide hookups to 30/50 amp, power, water, cable TV, telephone, and security gates. After appeasing wait list customers, the marina still has 18 slips available for rent. Contact Rainbow Bay Marina at 473-0284 for more information.